

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Grain Inspection Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Grain Inspection Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

1284

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

10/25/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

10/25/2018

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

7 U.S.C. 87i

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

7 U.S.C. 87i Section 21 of United States Grain Standards Act

13. Effective Date

11/24/1993

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c.

Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1 Meetings and Dates

Purpose

General Meeting

Start

09/05/2018

End

- 09/06/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$16,844.00	\$16,844.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$14,210.00	\$44,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$836.00	\$1,000.00
18d. Total	\$31,890.00	\$61,844.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The committee accomplishes its purpose by providing advice to the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) Administrator on the implementation of the U.S. Grain Standards Act and Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946. During the past year, the committee has provided discussion, advice, and recommendations on a variety of topics. Recommendations are in the remarks. When recommendations are made the staff takes all into consideration. During the next meeting all recommendations from the previous meeting are discussed.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committee consists of producers, domestic elevator operators, export grain elevator operators, and representatives of grain inspection and weighing agencies, farmers, consumers, academic, as well as other interested parties. In recent years we have solicited members from minority organizations such as the Small and Minority Farmers and Community Based Organizations (CBO). The solicitation is sent to over 200 using the USDA, Office of Outreach mailing list for all CBOs, minority organizations and others. Also during solicitation, GIPSA reaches out to other Agencies within USDA to tap into their lists of interested parties and provides information on the committee. The agency DFO works with the agency Outreach Coordinator to obtain the most up-to-date listing of all minority listings to reach out to whether by email or follow-up phone calls.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee meets twice (budget permitting) per fiscal year. The committee is considered in the public interest and is a valuable resource for the Administrator in implementing agency policy in regards to the United States Grain Standards Act.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The committee consists of 15 members who represent all segments of the grain industry. The advisory committee has provided the agency with direct access to the expertise and counsel of a broad and unbiased cross section of the U.S. grain industry. It is a valuable resource for the agency in developing and implementing policies and programs to enhance the marketing of U.S. grain in domestic and international markets.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

The GIAC held one meeting during FY18 and made recommendations (September 5-6, 2018).

Designated Federal Officer

Kendra C Kline DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anseuw (Alternate), Aaron	07/01/2018	06/30/2019	Perdue Agribusiness	Representative Member
Becnel, Chad	07/01/2018	06/30/2020	SGS Group Inc	Representative Member
Burns, Randall	07/01/2018	06/30/2021	Arkansas Bureau of Standards	Representative Member
Cooper, Janice	11/02/2015	10/31/2018	Executive Director	Representative Member
Dumoulin (Alternate), Patricia	07/01/2018	06/30/2019	Producer	Representative Member
Friant, Nicholas	10/22/2015	10/21/2018	Cargill, Inc.	Representative Member
Lindgren, John	07/01/2018	06/30/2021	United Grain Corporation	Representative Member
Mikesh, Kia	11/01/2015	10/31/2018	North Dakota Grain Inspection Services Inc.	Representative Member
Moffit-Tobin, Linsey	07/01/2018	06/30/2020	Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Services	Representative Member
Morgan, John	07/01/2018	06/30/2020	Supreme Rice LLC	Representative Member
Peach, Terry	11/01/2015	10/31/2018	Owner/Farmer	Representative Member
Robinette, Rick	07/01/2018	06/30/2021	Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Services Co	Representative Member
Sexton-Bowser, Sarah	07/01/2018	06/30/2020	Producer	Representative Member
Sutherland, Bruce	07/01/2018	06/30/2020	Michigan Agricultural Commodities	Representative Member
Turnipseed, Errol	07/01/2018	06/30/2021	South Dakota State University Seed Testing Lab	Representative Member
Watne, Mark	07/01/2018	06/30/2021	Producer	Representative Member
Williams, Jimmy	10/22/2015	10/21/2018	Missouri Department of Agriculture	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 17

Narrative Description

Grain Inspection Advisory Committee was established under the authority of the United States Grain Standards Act. The committee is charged with providing advice to the Administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) with respect to implementing the provisions of the Act. The committee is comprised of 15 members who represent all segments of the grain industry. They include grain producers,

processors, merchandisers, handlers, exporters, consumers, academia, and grain inspection agencies. The committee addresses a variety of technical and program issues related to the grain inspection programs and the official grain inspection system. During past meetings, the committee has provided guidance on the Agency's strategic plan and performance measures and various programs related to grain quality, including proposed changes to the U.S. Grain Standards; financial management; objective testing programs such as oil, protein, and starch content in corn; and technical issues ranging from whole-grain moisture measurements to aflatoxin to pesticide residue testing.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| Improvements to health or safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

Costs and estimates are in line with charter/agency budget.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

275

Number of Recommendations Comments

At the end of the each meeting, during the General Discussion, resolutions are presented by the members, discussed, and voted on as part of the minutes/record. At the next meeting, and beyond if necessary, the resolutions from previous meetings are discussed and members are given a status update on the feasibility of whether they can be implemented. and made the following recommendations: Resolutions: 1. HVAC The Advisory Committee commends FGIS for researching an improved method for HVAC classification in Durum wheat. The committee recommends FGIS continue to research and develop a bleaching method to quantify and separate HVAC kernels from soft kernels in durum wheat to facilitate subclass determinations. The committee encourages FGIS to further investigate whether the same or similar methods can be used to determine DHV kernels versus non-vitreous kernels in the Hard Red Spring Wheat class. 2. Falling Number The Advisory Committee acknowledges the progress FGIS has made to implement the October 2016 resolution reducing the variance of Falling Number test results. The Committee encourages FGIS to implement the new barometric pressure correction and require the use of the Shakematic on May 1, 2019. FGIS should continue identifying ways to reduce the test result variation, and actively identify and evaluate alternative technologies for determining the effect of alpha amylase. 3. Mycotoxin Test Kits The Advisory Committee urges FGIS to continue to identify causes of variation in mycotoxin testing and to develop a comprehensive plan to address these causes. The Committee requests FGIS to investigate certifying and reporting at lower levels than the current limit of quantitation, and report back to the Committee. 4. New Devices The Advisory Committee appreciates FGIS' recognition of the importance of encouraging competition in the official device system. The Committee urges FGIS to develop a comprehensive and proactive approach to identifying new technology priorities that may bring improved test results, greater efficiency and/or lower cost. The Committee recognizes that any new devices must add value to the testing system in compliance with current guidelines. 5. Program Guidance The Advisory Committee recommends FGIS take steps to reconcile and consolidate instructions to ensure clear, easy to access guidance. This would help the official system provide more accurate, consistent and timely service. 6. SIMS/ Quality Assurance The Advisory Committee recommends that FGIS continue to review and update the SIMS/quality assurance tolerances for moisture meters, and post the results of the analysis to the FGIS website, in accordance with the July 2014 and April 2015 Advisory Committee resolutions. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that FGIS actively participate, as appropriate, in the National Conference on

Weight and Measures, Grain Analyzer Sector efforts to reduce the maintenance and acceptance tolerances for moisture meters in the National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 44.

7. New Hire Training and Continuing Education The Advisory Committee commends the Field Management Division in their efforts to modernize training for new hire graders at the field level. We encourage the continued effort of developing new and innovative techniques for training and continued education of field level graders working directly with end users. Accuracy, efficiency and consistency is of the upmost importance for end users across all regions.

8. Nonuse of Service Exception The Advisory Committee supports the “nonuse of service exception” program allowing a grain elevator to request such service from another officially designated inspection and weighing agency outside its designated service area, which is conditionally reviewed by FGIS. Subsequently, the committee recommends that grain elevators who had their FGIS-approved agreements terminated, based on GIPSA’s interpretation of the revised language in the 2015 Agriculture Reauthorizations Act, be provided the option to reinstate their prior agreement with FGIS officially designated grain inspection and weighing agency.

9. Cost of FGIS Services relative to Selling Price The Advisory Committee appreciates how the merger of FGIS and AMS has brought a renewed focus on customer service for the end user. The Committee would like for FGIS to review its procedures and overall costs of service to the end user in areas where those costs may affect the overall market competitiveness of the commodity being sold. (i.e. cost of services for milled rice sold in smaller lots sizes such as containers, rail cars and trucks).

10. Fee Tables The Advisory Committee supports the FGIS proposal to remove the Schedule A (800.71) fee tables from the Code of Federal Regulations. This change will expedite the release of adjusted fee information to interested stakeholders.

11. Budget The Advisory Committee recommends that OMB eliminate the limitation on inspection and weighing services expenses. If this is not possible, the Committee recommends that the \$55 million limitation only apply to grain export activities under the provisions of the USGSA.

12. LED Lighting The Advisory Committee recommends FGIS continue research on the most appropriate LED lighting solution that may include overhead or task lights.

13. FGISonline The Advisory Committee commends FGIS for its work and progress on FGISonline and encourages the agency to continue to upgrade and enhance the system to meet the needs of all interested parties. The Committee recommends FGIS investigate and report on a back-up system to FGIS Official Service Provider Licensing (FOL).

14. Systems Approach FGIS execution support to the “USDA Soybean Systems Approach” should not compel a change in U.S. grading standards, nor require FGIS financial resources.

15. International Grading Report The Advisory Committee urges caution in acceptance and execution of new inspection approaches that disadvantage the U.S. grain industry relative to international trade practices. The Committee requests USDA to report on international grading practices to entail comparison of results based on origin and destination sampling

and grading protocols. 16. Vessel Stowage Exams The Advisory Committee commends FGIS on its efforts to incorporate innovative technology by delivering services to its shareholders, while protecting the safety of personnel. The Committee strongly encourages the approval and implementation of the “pilot program” for Barge Stowage Examinations via camera system. The Committee also recommends FGIS continue studying its technological innovative programs for cost savings, efficiency, and operational safety concerns, as it relates to Vessel Stowage Examinations. (i.e. UAV with NIR technology and/or camera when applicable). 17. Committee Chairperson Selection The Advisory Committee would like to formalize the chair selection process. The Committee members in a public forum, could nominate (either the committee members or themselves) and give the nominated an opportunity and speak for 5 minutes to present their qualifications in being chair. The position of vice-chair should be done in the same process

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

30%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

All resolutions from the Committee are taken into consideration and all findings are reported back to the Committee either by phone or letter and always as a meeting topic at the next meeting.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

30%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

All resolutions from the Committee are taken into consideration and all findings are reported back to the Committee. Some of the resolution recommendations require studies that take more than the 6 months between each meeting to accomplish, continual contact between the members is established.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is in the form of telephone calls, e-mails, formal letters and follow-up

discussions at the next meeting.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A